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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Susan Shuk Yin Lee
TAKESHI YAMAWAKI ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2852
Appln. No.: 09/729,279)
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Filed: December 5, 2000)
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For: OPTICAL SCANNING)
: APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING :
: APPARATUS, AND METHODS)
: OF PERFORMING OPTICAL :
: SCANNING USING OPTICAL)
: SCANNING APPARATUS AND :
: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) March 17, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

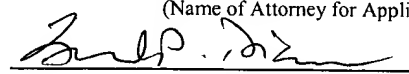
Sir:

Preliminary to continued prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 14.

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